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RADIO COMMISSION SBC OFFERS TRANSCRIBED PROGRAMS

Kansas City And Missouri Convention To Invite Next BWA To Meet There 1952

According to announcement from the Baptist Press, Nashville, Tennessee, the telegram below is believed to be the first invitation extended for the next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Alliance will convene in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 29 and continue through August 3, and it is at this meeting that T. W. Medearis Executive Secretary of the Missouri Baptist convention board, will extend the invitation upon the authorization of the Missouri Baptist Executive Board and the Kansas City Baptist Association.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Baptist World Alliance will be invited to hold next World Congress in Kansas City.

Missouri Baptist Executive Board and Kansas City Baptist Association have authorized State Secretary T. W. Medearis to issue invitation at Alliance meeting in Copenhagen.

This is believed first invitation extended for next Congress, slated in 1952—Baptist Press.

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Business Leader Offers Religious Advertising Idea

NEW YORK (RNS)—Religion can be advertised on a national scale if this country's commercial corporations will donate the blank space on the back covers of their corporate annual reports. This proposal "for an interdenominational religious and spiritual public relations program" is made by Frank Howard, of New York, a Wall Street public relations counsel who specializes in stockholder relations.

"There is one national channel," he said, "through which the implicit goals of religion—Tolerance, Brotherly Love, Humility, Understanding, Charity and the like—could be

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Europe's Need Is Still Great

Two weeks ago I began my work with World Church Service, Geneva, representing the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. During these two weeks I have been trying to evaluate the vast relief and reconstruction program being conducted by this great central agency through which Southern Baptists and many other evangelical Christians are seeking to play the part of the Good Samaritan to the war-ravished areas of Europe. It is easy to see that a stupendous volume of service is being rendered in the name of Christ to these stricken peoples. The hungry are being fed, the naked clothed, the sick and those who were formerly imprisoned in concentration camps

GOODRICH WRITES FROM ENGLAND

Word has been received from Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor, who sailed on July 2 on the S. S. Queen Elizabeth for a tour of Europe and the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance scheduled for July 29-August 3 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The letter was postmarked Southampton, Paquebot, July, and was received in Jackson on July 11.

Readers will be glad of the safe crossing and will look forward to reports on this trip, which Baptists from our state along with many others are privileged to attend.

Three Churches Withdraw From Northern Baptist Convention

ROCHESTER, N. H., (RNS) Withdrawal from the Northern Baptist convention has been voted by three churches in the county with the "inclusive policy" blamed for the separatist movement.

The Rev. Harold J. Schumacher, pastor of True Memorial Baptist church, the third to leave the convention in recent weeks, asserted that his congregation was opposed to sending to foreign fields those missionaries who "deny the cardinal teachings of the Bible." Mr. Schumacher said his church would join the Conservative Baptist Association of America, the organization formed recently, in order to uphold "the fundamentals of the faith."

The church also dissociated itself from the United Baptist Convention of New Hampshire and the New Durham Baptist Association. Other Baptist churches in Strafford county which have left the convention are Farmington, whose pastor is the Rev. A. A. Aubert, and East Rochester, whose pastor is the Rev. Roy I. Bohanan.

Keep Supplies Coming

The purpose of this brief message is simply to call upon Southern Baptists to keep the stream of money and supplies flowing into this great rehabilitation service. You ask: "Is the need still urgent?" Let this plea, which was adopted unanimously last week at a business session of those most intimately acquainted with the true conditions, after careful consid-

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Series Entitled "The Prove-Me Hour" CHURCHES URGED TO USE LOCAL STATIONS

The Radio Commission has prepared eight 15-minute transcribed radio programs for the Executive Committee promoting the three months tithing campaign for October, November, and December. The title of the series is "The Prove-Me Hour." We are requested to arrange for these to be broadcast over at least 150 stations beginning August 10, airing one program every week for eight weeks. Of course, adjustment of this plan can be made to meet local situations. The records will be ready to express to the stations as of July 21.

These programs are tops, measured by any standard. The brief

messages are the best, as can be readily recognized with the following as speakers: Dr. J. Clyde Turner on "Christian Stewardship," Dr. Ellis A. Fuller on "Spiritual Growth Through Tithing," Dr. Duke K. McCall on "Front Page News," Dr. Ralph Newton, a layman, on "Problems Solved Through Tithing," and Dr. M. Theron Rankin with Dr. J. B. Lawrence in one program on "What a Million Tithers Will Mean to Kingdom Progress." One program features the personal tithing testimonies of four laymen, viz., Mr. Maxey Jarman of Nashville Tennessee, Dr. Robert P. Noble of Raleigh, North Carolina, Mr. V. P. Reese of Birmingham, Alabama, (Continued on page 2)

The Washington Review

BY LARSTON D. FARRAR

Religious News Service Correspondent Church Group Focus Attention on

Overseas Relief

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The final weeks of Congress is bringing renewed activity by religious lobbyists on a large number of issues, but there is little likelihood for passage of any "new" legislation in the remainder of the session.

That is to say, Congress has done what Republican leaders feel is its basic task for this session. There may be some scattered bits of legislation, but it is not very likely that any bills of great significance will pass now.

One exception is the legislation to appropriate funds for the overseas relief program. Inside information here is to the effect that the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives is going to bring out one omnibus bill to cover all foreign relief funds.

This means that the debate on the appropriations for overseas relief, the Army relief program funds, and the Greek-Turkish funds will come at one time. These three programs, already authorized, will bring an appropriation bill totalling \$1,500,000,000.

It is believed that the Republicans are bringing out this omnibus appropriation bill both to save time and to impress the people with the size of the amounts being sent overseas.

Whatever the reasons, churchmen are fearful that there may be strong demands from some sectors and that one or the other of two purely relief programs which needs funds may suffer. That is why the Quakers and other religious groups are more interested in this appropriation measure than any other single bill that possibly can pass Congress this session.

Trade Agreement Act

Representative Daniel A. Reed (R-U. Y.) made a strong statement in Congress against the Trade Agreement Act, in which he accused the

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THE LORD'S DEPENDABLE MINORITY WILL FINISH THE TASK

R. B. GUNTER

GIDEON'S BAND IS TYPICAL

Gideon's band is typical of those who have carried on through the ages for the Lord. The Lord permitted the Israelites to classify themselves. Twenty-two thousand classified themselves as cowards. Then 9,700 classed themselves as self-indulgent. Only 300 out of 32,000 were men who would stand, every man in his place, and though weak from lack of food, continued pursuing. So has it been down through the ages. This should not be surprising for the Savior said of the narrow way that leads

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Report 40 Million In South Do Not Attend Sunday School

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RNS)—Forty million persons in the South do not attend Sunday School at any church, according to a report presented by the Department of Statistics, Survey and Information of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to the Southern Baptist Sunday School conferences here.

Herman L. King, Secretary of Standards and Records for the Board, pointed out that about 18,400,000 of the forty million persons are adults.

"There are 2,400,000 babies of cradle roll age; 1,448,000 beginners; 1,944,000 of primary age; 3,784,000 juniors; 2,928,000 intermediates; 5,096,000 young people; 18,400,000 adults and 5,000 extension Sunday School prospects (Sunday workers and invalids who cannot attend—all of whom should be enlisted in Sunday Schools.

The survey covered the 20 Southern states which make up the Southern Baptist Convention territory in which there are more than six million Baptists.

SERIES ENTITLED "THE PROVE-ME"

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and Mr. H. B. Long, Jr. of Shreveport, Louisiana. Another program presents a committee of three average Baptist laymen of an average Baptist church in round table discussion of the Prove-Me Campaign as related to them and their church, while another program is a dramatic presentation of "The Trial of a Robber."

A balance of good music in the programs makes them attractive to the listener. Emphasis on the fact that all major evangelical groups are promoting tithing as a medium of advancing our Lord's Kingdom in these terrific days, keeps them from being too denominational and promotional to be acceptable to station management.

The Executive Committee, S.B.C., along with state leadership calls upon the pastors in every community to arrange for these transcriptions to be broadcast over their local stations. It is earnestly hoped that they can be aired at the best possible listening hour so that the people can hear them and that they will be so extensively publicized in every locality as to effect wide hearing from the very beginning.

(Editor's Note: Programs may be ordered from S. F. Lowe, Director, Radio Commission, S.B.C., 427 1-2 Morehouse Avenue, N. E., Atlanta Georgia).

BUSINESS LEADER OFFERS

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reached quite easily and effectively. Each year more than 35,000,000 copies of corporate annual reports are distributed to stockholders and others; about 90 per cent of these reports are published with their back covers blank; the others generally contain nothing but company names, emblems or some other space fillers.

"Why not use this priceless, and wasted, space—space which money cannot buy—for an interdenominational religious and spiritual public relations program?"

Mr. Howard said he started work on a project of this kind some months ago "and every company I have approached has assured me of its co-operation once a general campaign is organized. I am sure that management will readily respond to a national campaign to 'give the back cover, to God' for a single spiritual message annually."

THE LORD'S DEPENDABLE

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to life: "Few there be that find it."

But the Lord continues to have that Dependable Minority. Continuously there are those who keep on keeping on. Hence, new mission fields are opened and old ones continue to be enlarged; hospitals, orphanages and colleges continue to grow. Check the list of donors in all great movements and you will find that the givers are always in the minority. But this dependable minority continues to do business for the Lord. The Lord told the Christ: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power". For this we can always give thanks. In response to repeated appeals for Mississippi College Enlargement Program the Dependable Minority has continued to give until the \$600,000 mark has been well passed. And some of these days, before the al-

lotted time, those buildings will be completed and 1,200 students will be there for training.

MY BROTHER PASTORS, IT WORKS

Recently, in these columns, I said that the people would give the money, if we would give them the facts, with an earnest appeal. I tried it with my congregation and it worked. That Dependable Minority came to the rescue. Mine is possibly the smallest full time church in the state. But if all full time churches in Mississippi would give as much as Pickens Baptist church gave, there would be sufficient funds with which to complete the unfinished buildings on Mississippi College campus. Yes, a minority gave the money. But the Lord has His Dependable Minority in every church. A sizeable gift came from a widow back in the country side. Brethren, give the people an opportunity; they will do the rest. The response from Pickens came after previous gifts, averaging more than \$15 per member, had been previously made, and after gifts for various causes had been made since the first of January amounting to approximately \$24,000. We have a building program for a new church, too. And we are going to build it with cash. May we not do our people the injustice of distrusting them, of not letting them in on great and worthy movements, of not practicing the finishing habit.

MEET AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY AND KEEP OURS AT HOME

In five more weeks our present emergency at Mississippi College can be met. There is no doubt but what the task will be finished. The Dependable Minority is not made up of those who put their hands to the plow and look back; neither is it composed of those who, like Ephraim, turn back in the day of battle. Those who have come so far are determined to finish. But the sooner the better for all concerned. We provide for a large host of worthy young men and women; we save in cost of construction; we get out of the way of other institutions; and we make a long stride towards a Baptist University for Mississippi. In doing this, and more, we are planning to educate our youth at home and keep our money in our own State. Send your gift now, as one of that Dependable Minority.

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Department of State of actually increasing the amount of strong drink imported into this country by means of the so-called Reciprocal Trade Act.

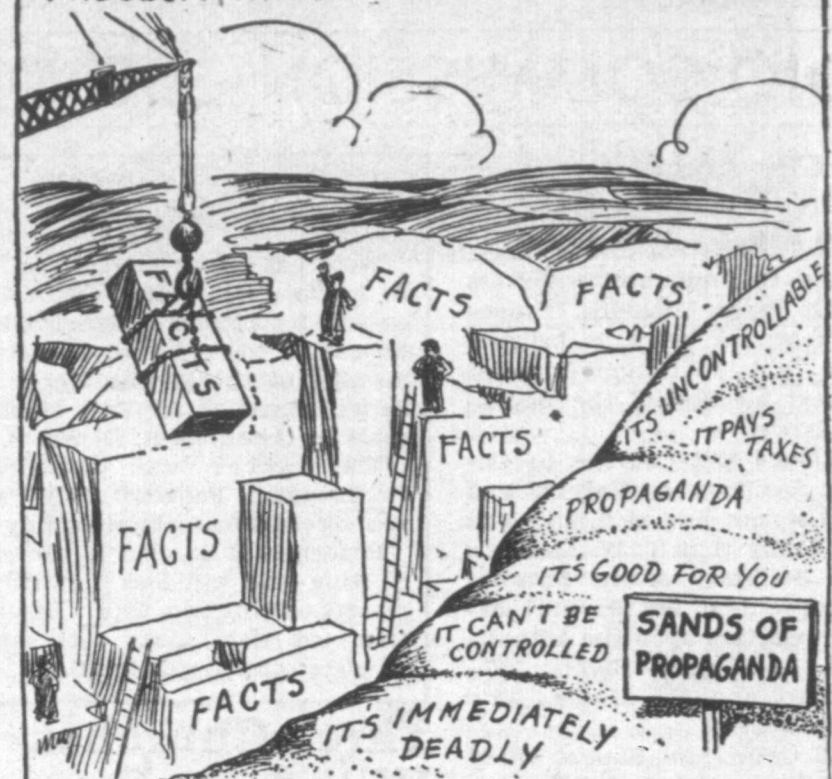
"Through the operation of the Trade Agreement Act, clothed in the pious habiliments of peace, the foreign whiskey ring has achieved a major victory by opening the liquor flood gates, thus deluging our country not only with whiskey, but also with gin, brandy, champagne, sparkling wines, still wines, vermouth, ale, port, and beer," the Congressman asserted.

"It requires propaganda of a higher order to convert millions of good Christian temperance women, especially mothers, and also the women members of the larger congregations of our churches to the wet cause as carried out by the State Department."

The Congressman went on to point

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"

-THAT SO MANY BELIEVE THAT HUMANITY CAN BUILD A SOLUTION TO THE LIQUOR PROBLEM WITHOUT DIGGING OUT THE FACTS



THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THE PEOPLE ERECT THEIR SOLUTION OF ALCOHOLISM MUST BE BUILT ON SOLID INFORMATION—NOT THE SANDS OF PROPAGANDA

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out that a number of church women's organizations, as well as the Federal Council of Churches, have endorsed the Trade Agreements program, but that very little is said by the officials of these church groups about the fact that under the program, the tariff on imported whiskeys has been reduced from \$5 to \$2.50 a gallon.

"Did the propaganda of the State Department which was sent out to the church organizations and the women's clubs urging them to support the Trade Agreement program explain that the only real barrier to trade to be promptly removed would be the barrier to foreign whiskey importation?" the Congressman asked his colleagues. He answered with an abrupt "no."

"If this move to deluge this nation with foreign imported whiskey and other liquor had been urged as the main argument for the adoption of the Trade Agreement Act," he declared, "I doubt if the millions of church members would have been so zealous in supporting this program."

"The figures relating to the volume of importing liquor from the day the tax of \$5 a gallon on whiskey was reduced to \$2.50 a gallon reveal the danger of relying on organized government propaganda when it is directed to an unworthy end."

"It places those good citizens who rely on misleading propaganda in a most awkward position and definitely puts them in opposition to their honest intentions and convictions."

"Not once in the public hearings on the Trade Agreement bill did the State Department officials indicate that the purpose of the proposed legislation was to lower the trade barriers to admit imported whiskeys."

Elderly Congressman Reed inserted in the Congressional Record a lengthy

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EUROPE'S NEED IS STILL GREAT

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eration, be your answer:

"Two years after the war's end there are still millions of people in all European nations who are far worse off than at any time since the beginning of the war. This year's harvest will not materially improve the situation in at least three or four ENTIRE countries, to say nothing of the hunger areas in almost all of them. The hoped-for turning point has not come, in fact next winter and spring may prove to be the worst yet."

Christian Churches Must Not Fail
"Especially the old, the orphaned, the homeless, the crippled and those who are otherwise handicapped stand in danger of being neglected, if the Christian Churches in Europe fail them. But these Churches depend almost entirely upon help from abroad to supply the needs of their charitable institutions and to ensure the continuation of feeding schemes for children, students and old people. The care of Europe's hungry and desperate people is not only the business of Europe's Churches, but must be the concern of Christians everywhere who share the responsibility for peace."

The appeal is made to the churches—before the advent of another winter—"for increased contributions of food and clothing to feed those who are hungry and clothe those who are almost naked in post-war Europe."

It may be of interest to many of you to know that your representative has been assigned the countries of Poland and Bulgaria as his special fields of responsibility. These are two of the most needy and most difficult areas in Europe. He craves an interest in your prayers, that he may prove to be God's man for these worthy peoples.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

I

Last week we published a list of associations showing: (1) gifts through the Co-operative Program for 1946, (2) goals for 1947 as accepted by leaders in 37 associations.

Now if the leaders in the other 35 associations will call a meeting and accept a worthy 1947 goal the King's Business will pick up.

Maybe we need to restudy the words of Jesus in Luke 14:25-36. Jesus manifestly wants His people to finish that they start!

Mississippi Baptists can reach the 1947 Million Dollar Co-operative Program goal all by working together. It is for Christ!

II

Because the item so largely concerned the work of Christ through our Mississippi Baptist churches and life, we quote from the minutes of a recently held special session of the Convention Board several items as follows:

"Motion by Dr. J. D. Ray and seconded by Dr. Webb Brame was carried to the effect that every Board member endeavor to get every church in his association to contribute to the Co-operative Program in 1947.

"A motion by Dr. H. L. Martin, that every Board member contact the Program Committee of his association and arrange the program so as to feature the Co-operative Program during the annual association meeting, was adopted unanimously.

"A motion was made by Dr. Bryan Simmons and seconded by Rev. Phil Walker that the Board members endeavor to get the pastors and churches to increase their gifts to the Co-operative Program for the last six months of 1947 by setting up a goal and striving to reach it.

"A motion by Dr. Norman Cox prevailed to the effect that the Board members confer with the pastors, executive committees, and proper groups in their associations and get them to set a goal for the Co-operative Program for 1948 and present it to the annual association meeting for adoption.

"An open discussion was engaged in and many of the Board members appraised their associations as to what they would give to the Co-operative Program in 1947. There was much enthusiasm and a fine spirit.

"Dr. Norman W. Cox made a motion that the Board request Dr. D. A. McCall to give his best leadership to the task of securing a million tithers and that the Board pledge him our full and complete support. This motion was carried.

"Dr. D. A. McCall addressed the Board on the subject of tithing and urged the brethren to go all out in this great undertaking.

"The Board adjourned with prayer by Dr. H. L. Martin."

III

Dr. D. M. Nelson and Dr. R. B. Gunter came to the office to talk over problems faced in completing the buildings at Mississippi College. As before stated we had recently gone over the Woman's College situation with Dr. Rouse, had met a committee headed by Dr. Greene of Clarke College, and have held ourselves in readiness to help wherever possible. We were able to help some and gladly so in this Mississippi College situation. We will be foolish if we fail our institutions in these times. Our institutions are "almost out of the woods." State Missions has a tremendous State Mission program going. The Baptist Foundation is growing. The Orphanage is in most excellent shape. The Hospital is finishing a great building program. We must help Mississippi College get through with their tremendous building program. That will leave only Clarke College and Woman's College to put over the top financially. This nearly complete victory should encourage all of us.

IV

We flew up to New Albany for a great training banquet at First Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor, and Mr. Gordon Sather, assistant pastor. Attendants sat in groups according to the number of Sunday School study course awards received. A lot of folks were present and a delicious banquet meal was served.

This is one of the most dynamic churches in Mississippi.

We are indebted to the pastor and his family for the courtesies of their home.

On Sunday we preached five times and drove 300 miles. At Arlington in Perry County two congregations filled the house morning and afternoon. It was the start of their revival. Brother Yeatman was coming for the night service. Brother T. W. Hembree is pastor. All of us enjoyed a dinner on the ground. Twenty-five lost persons asked for prayer.

At midafternoon we were at Union, Perry County, with Pastor T. W. Hembree. Again the congregation filled the house. At night we spoke to the men in Training Union and preached the gospel to a great congregation at Improve Baptist Church, Brother D. A. Hogan, pastor. For the evening meal we enjoyed the refreshment of the home of the pastor and his family.

It was the sort of day that brings inspiration and satisfaction. A lot of our pastors and people are about the King's Business.

V

Church leaders will please note that the Convention Board office furnishes Every Member Canvass Cards. You will please order census cards from the Baptist Book Store. We furnished census cards during the Evangelistic Visitation Campaign—January-April—but we are no longer able to do so.

VI

Dr. J. D. Ray, pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville, for thirty years, is retiring. We have referred to him a number of times as a great Christian statesman. He is all of that and more. For over eight years we have worked in close relationship and harmony with him as he serves on both the Convention Board and the Executive Committee. He has always been constructive. He has never let self get in the way. His judgments are sound.

We appreciate the personal friendship of Dr. Ray, Mrs. Ray, and other fine family members. We look forward to walking with him in friendship for

many years to come.

VII

TITHING TESTIMONIES

"We have been tithing for about five years and feel that the Lord has greatly blessed us. We believe the Bible and all that it teaches. Some try to excuse themselves by saying it is only an Old Testament teaching and we are living in the days of the New Testament. Even if it were true, if God taught and used this plan, why would this not be a good way to carry on His Kingdom work in our present day. But it is in the New Testament. Read Matthew 23:23."

MR. and MRS. J. W. GOLDMAN.

"My tithe is so small but it is a joy to give it.

"It is the only way and I don't understand why anybody could believe any other way. God's word plainly teaches it.

"I expect always to tithe what I have. The Lord is and has been so gracious to me I can see the fruits of my mite."

EDNA GRIFFIN.

"Although I did not sign a pledge card to tithe for the year 1946-1947, I have practiced it. The adventure has given me great pleasure and it is my intention to tithe for the new year that starts April 1. Heretofore it had been difficult for me to set aside one or two dollars per Sunday, but after I had started to tithe, setting aside 10 per cent of my pay check for my church offering was very easy indeed. To tithe has given me a very satisfied feeling, both in a spiritual way and in the knowledge that I am obeying God's command."

W. H. THOMPSON.

(If you have had a real tithing experience, we will be happy to give it to Mississippi Baptists in a 25 or 50 word written statement.)

VIII

Will the Co-operative Program as a plan of action do the job?

Well, let us see! Our Mississippi Baptist tithe last year was \$18,639,121.60. Suppose our churches averaged giving only 25 per cent or one fourth to beyond the church causes. That would have meant \$4,659,780.40 to "outside causes" instead of \$559,163.74. What a blessing that would have been in all the work of Christ!

God's plans, common sense, the scriptures will always work. What His people need to do is to work His plans! We need to stop putting self in His way! We need to stop substituting what "we think" for what He says!

IX

We are naturally optimistic—because of God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Bible, Church, etc.

Some things give us concern, however! First, there are more lost people in the world today than ever before! Second, we are preaching the gospel to only 25 of 75 nations after nearly 2,000 years of Christian history! Matthew 28:18-20. Mark 16:15. Third, the gross sin about us. Romans 1. Murder, lying, immorality, hypocrisy, blasphemy, drunkenness, covetousness, hate, war, etc. Fourth, after over 6,000 years of Bible history Baptists only give 3 per cent of their income. Well, at that rate in 18,000 more years we will get up to the tithe! Fifth, after 25 years of promotion one half of our churches give nothing in a six months period through the Co-operative Program and one fourth give nothing within a year. And it is better now than it has been. The Co-operative Program is the greatest channel for tithes and offerings we know anything about!

Well, we are glad we don't have to look into the mud all the time!

God, Heaven, the stars are about, about, within!

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Reports Priest To Become White House Labor Adviser

MANILA (RNS) — Monsignor John P. Boland, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been recalled from his assignment in Tokyo as labor relations consultant to General Douglas MacArthur to become adviser on labor relations to President Truman, according to the Manila Bulletin, American-owned newspaper here. The paper said its information comes from "a reliable informant."

En route from Tokyo to Washington, Msgr. Boland made a brief stop-over here prior to taking off in a plane for Honolulu where he was to board another plane for the capital. He was warmly greeted by Manila labor representatives on his arrival.

The report that the Buffalo churchman is slated for a White House appointment is regarded here as credible, especially in view of the fact that he was assigned for one-year service with SCAP, but actually stayed only seven weeks in the post. Also, it is recalled, Msgr. Boland was at one time labor adviser to the late President Roosevelt.

DEPARTMENT STORE PUTS MINISTER ON PAYROLL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) The Loveman, Joseph and Loeb department store here, one of the South's largest, will put a minister on its payroll Sept. 1. Dr. Henry M. Edmonds will be listed as a counsellor to the store's 1,250 employees, but he terms his new affiliation as going into the "being a friend" business.

Dr. Edmonds, founder of the Independent Presbyterian church here more than a quarter century ago, and for the past five years dean of the Rollins College chapel, Winter Park, Fla., is known for his work with Jewish and Catholic leaders in behalf of better understanding among the faiths.

In his new position, the minister will occupy a business office two days a week in the store. The remainder of the time he will spend "living the life of Birmingham," which he explains as "sitting in a classroom of a public school, seeing the welfare agencies and institutions in operation, studying people at business, play, etc."

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Figures Tell A Story

Southern Baptists are a rural people. Mississippi is a rural state, towns mushroomed into cities to the contrary. Trends economically may be for rural people to move to the towns and cities, and for industry to wield a mighty influence upon all our lives, but statistics provided in the 1947 Southern Baptist Convention Handbook and more recent figures released at Ridgecrest Southern Baptist Assembly, stagger us with their enormity.

Another article in this issue gives figures compiled by Herman L. King, Secretary of Standards and Records for the Sunday School Board. His records show that **forty million persons in the South do not attend Sunday School at any church.** Of these 18,500,000 are adults. Are our Sunday Schools still for women and children? That was the story yesterday, what about this year of our Lord 1947? Figures do not lie.

It is difficult for us to comprehend figures dealing with millions of people, even as it is difficult to comprehend dollars in the millions. So, for those of us who are "just folks," let us look at the constituency of Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists.

Millions for the Master

These forty million, not being touched by anybody's church, are our responsibility, but it is easy to throw up our hands in despair and not begin at all when the task looks overwhelming.

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are 26,401 churches. Of course 10,110 (38.3 per cent) are full-time churches. More than 10,000 of these are in our cities, towns and developed rural areas. Thirty-three per cent, or 8,772, of these churches have half-time services, and 7,327 (28.8 per cent) have quarter-time services. Sixty-one per cent of our Southern Baptist churches are in rural areas. What of the undeveloped areas?

All of our agencies stress evangelism, and we have many churches, but forty million are not reached by our Sunday Schools, the enlistment agency of our churches. (And yet, some Sunday

School classes resent providing teachers for the Sunday School, or balk when there is plan for "growing by division—no charge for the preaching.")

Coming closer home, there are 1,577 churches in Mississippi and of these 321 are full-time churches (150 of them in town). Of the 1,058 country churches and 235 village churches, 622 have half-time services and 620 have quarter-time services.

Many Areas Are Unchurched

If you are tired of figures blame the one who started me on this. Our state evangelist says there are 150 churchless areas in Mississippi and that rural communities will respond to the gospel when it is rightly presented. How many miles are there from the church you attend to another Baptist church? Suppose the Baptists in our capital city all decide to attend church on one Sunday? Where would we put them? We see just a foretaste of what would happen with the overflow crowd on Easter.

You are right, they will not all come, but many would come if we provided places for them to worship and showed an interest by extending personal invitations to those we meet.

God's Lighthouses

Porter Routh in The Teacher says, "Like Samson, Southern Baptists will be forgetting the source of their strength if the rural churches are forgotten. For the sake of those without Christ, for the sake of rural society, for the sake of those without Christ, Baptist rural churches (and, we say) Mississippi rural churches) must become lighthouses in the years ahead."

The challenge is before us. If God be for us, who can be against us?

Too Much Talk

The Editor of the Baptist Record recently received a letter from a lady who made some good suggestions for Christian people. We will share some of the thoughts she expressed in her communication. She said, "A boy from our community returned home from three years' service in the war. He went to church several times soon after his return. The fourth time he went an old member walked up to him and said, 'Son, you have been backsliding haven't you?' That boy has not been back any more."

The suggestion is offered that mature Christians should be very careful what they say to young people.

In this, we heartily concur. Especially in a situation as this de-

scribed in the letter in such an approach is bad psychology.

We have often wondered if it would not be better if some people who are so anxious "to do personal work" would go out in the by-ways and hedges and find people to talk to rather than pouncing upon those who are already at the church! In many communities there are such people waiting to carry out some urge to "do something"—at the expense of the ones who are already seeking the light.

From youth we recall an incident at a church in which people swarmed around a girl in the public worship and embarrassed her to tears. It seems if these people really cared for the girl, they would have gone personally and privately to talk with her.

We may be wrong, but we believe Christians need to study and develop tact.

Win Or Lose?

Paul likened life to a race and in a race someone must be the winner and someone the loser. That is in the human realm and for the present we want to think of the many who are already announced participants for the election race. The winners will be the ones that Mississippi voters decide upon. Someone must be the loser. We often hear that it takes a strong character to be a good loser, but we are of the opinion that it takes perhaps just as strong character to be a good winner.

We, of the gullible public, will be prone to accept at face value biased opinions and then incorporate them into our thinking, until we think they are our own. As Christian citizens we want to exert our privilege of voting. By expressing a choice, if based upon honest convictions and after prayerful consideration we prove ourselves good citizens, whether our candidates win or lose. But when enough Christians demand of their candidates that they uphold right and decency, and outlaw crime and attendant evils, then the mention of our state or any candidate will not produce a question mark to reflect on our good judgment.

In writing to the Romans Paul says "in honor preferring one another." And to the Corinthian Christians he says "love suffereth long and is kind . . . doth not behave itself unseemly." Let us heed his injunctions when the easier part would be to listen to and repeat the unkind or cruel.

In our voting our candidates may win or lose, but whenever Christians are on Christ's side, then we can never lose. "In all

these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For . . . neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

BLACK BROTHER

By Arch McMillan

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, beloved missionary statesman so proudly claimed by North Carolina, said that Mahatma Ghandi of India refused to become a Christian because of the way Negroes were treated in the so-called Christian United States. In some respects Baptists are helping to point the way toward better relations with Southern Negroes. This must be pleasing to Jesus Christ, who held up for special praise such usually despised aliens as the Good Samaritan, the Roman centurion and the Syrian leper. The messengers at the last Southern Baptist Convention singled out for special recognition and praise the only Negro who appeared on the program. An especially courageous battler for the rights of Negroes is Brother Joe Rabun, former Marine now pastor of the Talmadges' home church. His simple and undebatable thesis is that Negro citizens who pay taxes and die for their country are likewise entitled to have a voice in their own government. Christians should work steadily toward greater opportunities for Negroes, though going too hastily might cause harmful reactions to set in. Rather than simply providing handouts, efforts should be made to educate the Negroes to want to improve their own lot. Patience and tolerance will go further than hurling brickbats: Northerners are not in too strong a position for criticizing Southern lynch law while race riots in Detroit are remembered; Britons usually say less about how wonderfully they treated Negroes in England when reminded of how caste-ridden is the Union of South Africa. Surely neither race in the United States, white or black, wants inter-marriage. Especially commendable is this statement from a leader of another race, speaking to a missionary from the United States: "We Chinese Christians do not want to be your brothers-in-law but your brothers in Christ."—Charity and Children.

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colloguy between himself and Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council of Churches, which took place at the time Mr. Taft testified in favor of the Reciprocal Trade program before the House Ways and Means Committee.

WCTU

The passage of legislation to give the World Women's Christian Temperance Union \$5,000 to help pay for its international convention recently held in Atlantic City, N. J., was blocked in the Senate by Senator J. Harold McGrath (D.-R. I.).

Senator Arthur Capper (R.-Kan.) had asked unanimous consent to suspend Senate business in order to pass the bill, which already has been approved by the House of Representatives. But Senator McGrath objected and thus delayed the bill's heretofore smooth journey.

Under the House-approved bill, Uncle Sam would pay \$5,000 to help defray expenses of the organization's 17th triennial convention.

Radio

Radio interests seldom fail to let Congress know of their solicitude for religious and charitable enterprises—particularly when any attempt to win support on the Hill is contemplated.

For example, the National Association of Broadcasters, representing some 1,300 radio stations, recently filed with the House Ways and Means Committee a statement in opposition to the continued levy of an excise tax on radio receivers.

In the course of its statement, after mentioning radio's great "entertainment" value, the NAB pointed out that radio stations "are the most widely used and the most successful media for the discussion and debate of public questions, the fostering of religion, and conduct of political campaigns."

A few religious representatives here commented that they didn't know whether or not they wanted to be sandwiched in between entertainment and political campaigns in public statements.

Potatoes

There was a religious angle to the potato surplus problems which harassed Congress in recent days.

Because the public outcry against destruction of potatoes was so widespread, the Department of Agriculture hastily issued a batch of publicity to let people know that charitable institutions and church-related organizations are eligible for free gifts of government-owned early potatoes.

The Department, which has had to buy up thousands of tons of potatoes in line with the support price policies of Congress, wishes every charitable and church-related group to know that they can get free potatoes whenever they desire.

In the meantime, Congress is going right on with the investigation to learn new ways of getting rid of potatoes without destroying them.

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Resolutions have been adopted by the Warren County Missions Committee composed of Rev. Homer W. Roberson, F. W. Williams and W. J. Gallagher, regarding the work of Rev. James H. Fairchild and Mrs. Fairchild in Warren County where Mr. Fairchild served as Associational missionary, and resigned to become pastor at Collins. The resolutions express appreciation of the contribution of this couple to the mission program of the county and community and also commend this couple to the Collins church.

Memorial Service Held For Dr. W. H. Houghton

The Memorial Service for the late Dr. Will H. Houghton was held at Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, Sunday afternoon, June 22nd. It was from the pastorate of this famous New York church that Dr. Houghton went to take up the presidency of the Moody Bible Institute in 1934. Dr. William Culbertson, Acting President of the Moody Bible Institute, brought the Memorial message and Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, directed the program. Others who participated were Dr. Hugh R. Munro, Erling C. Olsen, Col. Harold R. Smith, Rev. H. Clay Mitchell, Dr. Joseph W. Hakes, Rev. Gabriel R. Guedj and Dr. W. Theodore Taylor. Mr. Artie Lang of the Radio Staff of the Calvary Baptist Church sang some of Dr. Houghton's compositions. He was assisted by the Calvary Radio Choir and J. Thurston Noe, Music Director.

In the many testimonies and messages of the Memorial Service the strong character and wide influence of Dr. Houghton were sounded. Many of the personal experiences of those speaking brought out these qualities and Dr. Houghton's disciple of habit and great-heartedness for his fellowman. His executive ability and leadership with young people who have dedicated themselves for Christian service has overshadowed another ministry, which is not a small one, and that is as a composer of verse and music. He was a lover of good music and appreciated the power of same in proclaiming the Gospel.

A Will H. Houghton Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up by Calvary Baptist Church to aid students studying for full-time Christian service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

1946 '47	SS	BTU
Jackson, Northside	282	82
Jackson, Daniel	198	54
Jackson, Davis Memorial	254	75
Jackson, Van Winkle	256	149
Jackson, Calvary	424	160
Jackson, Calvary	1,174	280
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	1,218	327
Crystal Springs	492	97
New Albany	561	251
New Albany including Northside Mission	580	---
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Soso	118	62
Oak Grove, Calhoun Co.	44	44
Hebron, Yazoo Co.	38	47
Friendship, Pike Co.	172	110
Cross Roads, Webster Co.	63	46
Siloam, Simpson Co.	76	65
Centerville	131	42
Laurel, Beacon	203	86
Gulfport, First	424	122
Hattiesburg, Main St.	622	222
Pascagoula, First	447	90
Rocky Springs, Yazoo Co.	25	---
Brookhaven, First	614	107
Laurel, First	498	127
West Laurel	349	108
Eastside, Rankin Co.	76	46
Batesville	131	55
Tecowa	33	26
Lucedale	311	105
New Zion, Copiah Co.	78	68
Artesia	32	33
West Point	359	101
Providence, Tippah Co.	29	---
Chalybeate	42	38
Wallerville	53	57
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	65	33
West Poplarville	38	19
Tupelo, Harrisburg	249	107
East McComb	269	187
Tupelo, Calvary	303	106
Zion Hill, Forrest Co.	117	96
Beonville	221	99



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Mary Ann Martin

It is the task of Mary Anne Martin, Belhaven, State BSU Magazine representative, to promote the sale of subscriptions to the Baptist Student, Southwide BSU Magazine, on the campuses of Mississippi. Pray for her.

Potpourri

At Pearl River Junior, 115 Baptist were enrolled, there were 5 unsaved students, 1 student joined the Poplarville church, 5 students worked in the Vacation Bible school at the local church last month. Mrs. Clover served as principal of the school; at Ole Miss 544 Baptists were enrolled, there were 76 unsaved, 1 converted, 1 joined the Oxford Church. At E. Central Jr., where Mrs. Marcus Smith is the new BSU secretary, 104 Baptists

Boule Street Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. C. E. Smith, pastor held a revival and Vacation Bible School simultaneously the week of June 2-8. The pastor did the preaching at the meeting and the music was under the direction of Bobby Kingsberry of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. The Bible School, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Walley of Overt, closed on Saturday, June 7. One hundred twenty-five were enrolled and the attendance average was 100. Mrs. G. E. Bennett had charge of the music for the Bible School. As a result of the week's efforts there were 15 additions and one rededication.

were enrolled, average attendance of dormitory prayer services was 35, there were 38 unsaved, 7 joined the Decatur church; at Clarke were 125 Baptists, 100 of whom were enlisted in at least one unit organization, 100 were contributing systematically to their churches, 30 participated in mission activities, 30 was average of daily prayer meeting; at Delta State 120 Baptist were enrolled, two fellowship hours and one Training Union banquet were held, the Council was planning already for a strong fall retreat; 79 Baptists were at Blue Mountain, where 4 participated in a mission Sunday school and where 30 is the average attendance at daily prayer meeting; at Mississippi Southern were 675 Baptist and 47 unsaved students; from Miss. State 4 joined the Starkville church; at Sunflower Jr. 41 Baptists and eight unsaved were enrolled; at Miss. College were 506 Baptists, 169 of whom were enrolled in one of the unit organizations, 11 unsaved students were enrolled, 31 students joined the Clinton church, 55 was average attendance at daily prayer meeting . . . "We are praying that God will send us a full-time Student Secretary by next fall at which time we are expecting 2,000 Baptist Students," says a letter from a student some weeks ago . . . Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, has a fine Young People's night. Was happy to bring a report on Ridgecrest there recently. Also I welcomed the privilege of supplying at Raymond Church in the absence of Pastor Wallace.

A new and most helpful book for Intermediates: Tomorrow You Lead is a new study course book for Intermediates. It was written by Mr. G. S. Hopkins, State Sunday School Secretary of Texas, and presents to these fine young people the challenge of the opportunities for service in the Sunday school. This book gives seal for course II, The Church, in the Intermediate Union Study Course. It is also a Sunday School Study Course book giving seal VI.

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Rev. Ira F. Metts will assist Pastor F. Z. Huffstatter in a meeting at Tyro, July 27-August 1.

Help All Causes of Christ Through the Co-operative Program!

Mr. E. C. Williams says:

"The Co-operative Program is worthy because it provides equitably for every part of our program, enables every person to share in all causes, and provides weekly opportunities of teaching emphasis for world wide work for Christ."

Our 1947 GOAL—\$1,000,000 through the Co-operative Program from Mississippi Baptists!

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The Questionnaire

Several of the Christian Citizens' Leagues are sending out questionnaires to the candidates in their counties. A suggested questionnaire appeared in this column on June 25, and one important question which should be asked every candidate for the Senate and Legislature appeared in the June 30 issue. The response to this suggested questionnaire has been gratifying. Before the election every candidate seeking an office having to do with law making and law enforcement should be put on the spot and his stand made known to the public. There is entirely too much at stake in this summer's election for any Christian to cast his vote blindly. If there has ever been a time when we need to make sure that we vote for dry men, this is that time.

Something can be done. In every county, God is going to hold His people responsible. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Crime and Drink

There is an ever rising tide of crime in our land, spear-headed by

seventeen year olds, followed closely by the eighteen year olds. By far the majority of these crimes are traceable directly to alcoholic beverage. This situation is breaking the hearts of parents everywhere. Something must be done to turn the tide. This is no time for prattle about legalizing John Barley Corn in our state! To be consistent, one just as well talk about legalizing murder, adultery, robbery, rape, etc. Alcoholic beverage is the breeder of all crime. We should, therefore, outlaw it and wage a constant warfare against it.

Pearl River County Rally

We had the privilege of meeting with the Christian citizens of Pearl River County in a mass meeting which was held in the First Baptist Church of Picayune Sunday afternoon, July 6. The county was well represented in this meeting. There were fifteen preachers present. There were also fifteen candidates present. Such a rally should be held in every county between now and the election.

It was our privilege to supply for Brother O. P. Estes both morning and night on this date. He and his wife were on their way to the Baptist World Alliance.

Rev. David Cranford assisted Pastor Jack Cranford in the revival at Iuka recently. There were 23 additions, 17 being for baptism. The church membership was greatly helped and revived. One young lady dedicated her life for full time service in the Kingdom work.

The East Moss Point Baptist church recently voted to pay \$50 for the expense of a car to take some of the young people to Ridgcrest for the Training Union conference. They also voted to pay the expenses of the choir leader to the Music Leadership conference in Jackson.

Crystal Springs Church, Walthall County has just closed a most successful revival with Rev. A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, doing the preaching. There were ten professions of faith and a great spiritual awakening on the part of the Christian people. The church was greatly blessed by his coming. C. O. Lindsey, pastor.

Union and Arlington churches in Perry county are two active half time churches. The Arlington members are repairing and renovating the church. Volunteer workers are doing this. Eugene Bird is in charge of most of the plans for this project. Baptisms were held at Union in January and in June. Dr. D. A. McCall was guest speaker at the all day services on July 6, at Arlington. He also spoke at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Union. Pastor T. W. Hembree is happy over the progress this field is making.

Berea is Attala: Pastor N. F. Greer of the Berea Church in Attala County secured the services of Brother Paul L. Bard, pastor of the Ethel Church, and Mrs. Don Milner in a three class study course, and even with continued rains they report a good week with splendid visible results. This plan suggest one of the finest bits of cooperation we know. Pastors rejoice to help their fellow pastors in this sort of a way, and it brings a blessing to both churches.

REYNOLDS TO TEACH AT CLARKE COLLEGE



Mr. Upton Reynolds

Clarke Memorial College at Newton has secured the services of Upton Reynolds as teacher of Social Science beginning September 1.

At this time the new Clarke instructor is completing his residence work for his master's degree at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is receiving his Th. M. degree at Southwestern Seminary July 17.

A native of Clarksdale, Miss., he is a graduate with the B. S. degree from Delta State College at Cleveland, Miss.

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Total Co-operative Program For Southwide causes for the first six months of 1947 total \$2,558,369.79 compared with \$2,257,049.74 in 1946.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton

Judge D. M. Russlee, of Magee, becomes a member of the Law Faculty of the University of Mississippi. He has been some years Chancellor of his district and is an active Christian layman.

Pastor B. E. Phillips of New Hebron was hurried to the Baptist hospital in Jackson last Thursday night and underwent an operation for appendicitis. At this writing he is doing nicely.

Prof. B. P. Burford takes work with Mississippi Woman's College. He is an Alumnus of Mississippi College, was at one time head of the School at Potts Camp and has for several years been State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He takes the place of Dr. W. M. Jones, who goes to Cox College in Georgia.

Dr. Provine reports that already all rooms are taken in Jennings Hall at Mississippi College for next year.

Dr. L. Johnson, President of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, announced at the Convention that the College had by the death of a contributor come into the possession of a million and a quarter dollars for endowment.

Married—Miss Ollie Hill, daughter of Rev. E. J. Hill of Oakland, Miss., was married to Mr. Branch of Cleveland, Mississippi, last week. Miss Hill was a successful bookkeeper and Mr. Branch is a successful business man. They will make their home at Cleveland.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, will preach at First Medville Church Sunday morning, July 20, at 11 o'clock. Signed B. T. Bishop, pastor.

The revival for New Zion Church, Copiah County, will be held July 20-25 with Dr. D. A. McCall doing the preaching and Rev. Zeno Wells leading the singing. Rev. Guy A. Little is pastor.

Rev. N. R. Stone, president of Mississippi Hospital for Incurables, will be on the air Saturday, July 19, and may be heard over WSLI at 1:40 p. m., WJXN at 2:30 p. m. and WJDX at 3:30 p. m. All of these are Jackson stations. First-hand information about the hospital, who is behind it, what it is for, why it should be done and who should do it will be given by the Rev. Stone.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Mrs. P. J. Walker, Summit; Miss Charline Barron, Smithdale; Miss Margaret Sproles, Miss Helen Holland, Miss Allie Jeanette Grice and Miss Janet Smith, Brookhaven; Miss Julia Moak, Miss Annie Hamilton, Miss Marlene Etheridge, Miss Kathryn Boyd, Miss Betty Sue Wallace, Miss Betty Prescott, Miss Betty Stovall, Miss Rose Mary Laird, Miss Fay Reeves, Miss Mary Lou Lazarus and Miss Margaret Holmes, McComb; Miss Mary Alice Hughey, Smithdale; Mrs. Charles S. Greer, McComb; Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello; Rev. J. H. Hammett and Lillian Rose Hammett, Yazoo City; Rev. A. J. Chandler, Jayess; Rev. David T. Cranford, Indianola; Rev. J. H. Royalty, Clinton; Rev. Edward L. Byrd, Meridian; Luther M. Hart, Star; Mrs. S. B. Murray, Jackson; Jean Goodrich, Jackson.

Dr. Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has declined an invitation offered by Ambassador Sava Kosanovitch of Yugoslavia to be one of ten ministers to visit that country, starting July 25.

Churches Not Contributing Through The Co-operative Program — January-June, 1947

ADAMS-FRANKLIN: Bunkley, Damascus, Homochitto, McCall's Creek, Natchez-Immanuel, New Hope, O'Zion, Pleasant Valley, Providence, Quentin, Roxie, Sarepta, Spring Hill.

ALCORN: Antioch-No 1, Bethlehem, Brush Creek, County Line, Farmington, Glendale, Jacinto, Kemps Chapel, Lone Oak, Loraine, Love Joy, New Prospect, Shiloh, Tusculumbia, Union.

ATTALA: Berea, Bowlb, Center, Doty Springs, Edgefield, Ethel, Harmony, Jerusalem, Marydell, Mission Station, New Hope, New Salem, North Union, Pilgrims Rest, Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Springdale, Yockanookany.

BENTON: Curtis Creek, Flat Rock, Lamar, Lonoke, New Centfal, Philadelphia.

BOLIVAR: Boyle, Cleveland — Chinese Mission, Hillhouse, Meltonia, Rena Lara, Shady Oak, Waxhaw.

CALHOUN: Antioch (Lafayette), Benela, Bentley, Calhoun City-Second, Concord, Drivers Flat, Gastons Springs, Lantrip, Meridian, Mt. Comfort, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tabor, New Providence, Parker, Pilgrims Rest, Providence, Rocky Branch, Rocky Mount, Sarepta, Shiloh, Spring Creek, Turkey Creek, Union Grove, Victory.

CARROLL: Calvary, Harmony, Hickory Grove, Leflore, McCarley, Mt. Olive, Mt. Pisgah, New Bethel, New Jerusalem, New Salem, New Shiloh, Poplar Springs, Providence.

CHICKASAW: Bethel, Egypt, Enon, Houka, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Prospect, Schooner Valley, Shiloh, Union Chapel, Van Vleet.

CHOCTAW: Bethlehem, Bluff Springs, Blythe Creek, Chester, Covenant, Crepe Creek, Ebenezer, Fentress, French Camp, Gum Branch, McCurtains Creek, Providence, Spring Hill, Wood Springs.

CLARKE: Eddins Memorial (Barnett), Fallen Creek, Hepzibah, Knights Valley, Montrose, Mt. Zion, Northup Chapel, Pine Hill, Souenlovie.

CLAY: New Montpellier, Old Montpellier, West Point-West End.

COLUMBUS: Artesia, Kolola Springs, Mayhew, Mt. Zion, Plymouth Street.

COPIAH: Carpenter, Gallman, Harmony, New Providence, Pearl Valley, Pilgrims Valley, Pine Bluff, Pleasant Hill, Poplar Springs, Rockport, Rocky Hill, Zion Hill.

COVINGTON: Calhoun, Cold Springs, Leaf River, Lebanon, New Hope, Rock Hill, Willow Grove.

DEER CREEK: Alexander Memorial, Darlove, Glen Allan, Gooden Lake, Isola, Longwood, Mayersville, Priscilla, Spanish Fort, St. Bayou, Tallula, Wayside, Wildwood.

The Convention year ends October 31st. It is hoped the pastor, the deacons, the W.M.U., the Sunday School, the Training Union, and the Brotherhood in each church will see to it that an offering is made through the Co-operative Program by the church they lead during August, September, October.

In Convention we said \$1,000,000 through the Co-operative Program for all the work of Christ. This same Christ says to His people "finish that you start." Luke 14:25-35.



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Every One Organize One

The Brotherhood Secretary asked Mr. E. C. Williams, secretary of our Sunday school work, and Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, how those two great organizations were able to enlist such a large number of churches. There are about 1,600 Sunday Schools and there are about 700 Woman's Missionary Societies. Their statements follow. We believe the same plan that worked with those two organizations will work with ours.



Mr. E. C. Williams

Through the centuries the Lord's work has been carried forward because of a feeling of mutual interest by one group for others of similar needs.

This has been no less true of the great Sunday School movement than any others. Thousands of these schools have been organized by

churches nearby that knew something of the blessings and benefits of Sunday Schools. They went out to churches without schools and organized them.

That will continue to be the way the work of Christ is carried forward in all phases. Those who have received blessings from any good part should delight at the opportunity to carry it to others. That is the spirit of missions, whether it is in Mississippi or some foreign land.

E. C. WILLIAMS.



Miss Edwina Robinson

The growth of the organizational life of Woman's Missionary Union has come by each organization in the association feeling the responsibility for an unorganized group. The associational unit is our greatest enlistment agency. I commend this method. The fostering of a new organization over a period of time is essential to the continuance of that organization, this can best be done by local units.

EDWINA ROBINSON.

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

- July 21—A. J. Guyton, Blue Mountain College Trustee; Rev. A. A. Ward, Trustee, Clarke Memorial College.
- July 22—Rev. S. B. Harrington, Convention Board Member, Holmes County; Dr. C. L. Deever, Biology Professor, Mississippi College.
- July 23—Dr. W. A. Bell, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; Rev. L. G. Samsing, Vice-President, District 4, Brotherhood.
- July 24—B. B. Miller, Music Director, Tate County Association; Mrs. S. E. Gillon, Grenada County Associational B. T. U. Director.
- July 25—Rev. Thurman Booth, member committee on Temperance; Junior G. A. Camp, July 28-August 2.
- July 26—Dr. Modena H. Peterson, Director of Health, B. M. C.; pray for meeting of Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen next week.
- July 27—G. W. Covington, Trustee, Baptist Hospital; Rev. J. L. Morgan, Pastor's Advisory Committee, District 6, Brotherhood.

Rabbis Plead For Personal Praying

MONTREAL (RNS)—Declaring that even in this atomic era "the world realizes it cannot pray to electricity or to the neutron and electron," Rabbi Louis I. Newman, New York, said here that moderns "are no means so blasé and cynical as we imagine ourselves to be, and that prayer is by no means a lost art today." He addressed the 58th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Newman entitled his talk "Prayer in Our Time." He made a plea to religious leaders for greater use of prayers of a personal character—prayers for the naming of a baby, for recovery from illness, for birthdays, for the Sabbath, and for private meditation. Modern prayers, he said, must touch the soul of each individual, and enable him to perceive that he can place himself within the stream of universal consciousness and will.

In a companion paper, Prof. Abraham Cronbach of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, also made a plea for personal prayer which, he said, "is likely to be genuine prayer."

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

(A suggested preparatory study for the Week of Prayer for State Missions.)

Hosea

A prophet in Israel (the Northern Kingdom.) His name means "Salvation" and is equivalent to Joshua and Jesus. The first prophet of grace. He is Israel's first evangelist. He is sometimes spoken of as the Jeremiah of Israel and the St. John of the Old Testament.

Time of Hosea's Prophecy

During the latter years of the Kingdom of Israel—during the reign of Jeroboam II. His ministry probably extended from 750 B. C. to 735 B. C.

Condition of the Time

Peace, plenty, luxury, ease, false standards, sin and indulgence. Hosea said of it: "There is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of Jehovah in the land. There is naught but swearing and breaking faith and killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." Hosea 4:1-2.

In the midst of such conditions God sent Hosea, the prophet of the broken heart, to deliver the message of God's redeeming love to His people. He had suffered unfaithfulness on the part of his own wife, and therefore could in a deep sense know the heart of God as He grieved with unfaithful Israel in her idolatry.

The Assyrians were preparing their journey west. The Kingdom of Israel was hastening to its fall. Hosea was sent to warn and plead with God's people to cease their unfaithfulness and return to their God, who alone could save them.

Hosea, the young prophet, at God's command, took as his wife, Gomer. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. The prophet loved Gomer very much, but he soon learned that she did not love him. She was playing around with some other lovers who had promised her glitter of worldly living. He soon found that she was unfaithful to him. Gomer left her home and went into a life of open sin. Hosea, loving her as he did, grieved and suffered untold agony. He really loved her and yearned for her return.

As Hosea suffered, he realized that God was suffering too. Why? Because His people (His bride) had gone off in the hills with other lovers (Baal and other false gods). He caught a vision of Jehovah deserted, lonely, forsaken, heart-broken and sad. Instead of casting them off he loved them,

and yearned for them to return unto Him.

The prophet, as he thought on the matter, saw sin and God in a different light. Sin was black, hideous, vile, and gruesome. God was a loving, tender, righteous God, who yearned for the return of His people.

As the days went by, Hosea continued to love Gomer and long for her return. While his heart cried out for her she was being sold in the slave market. A pitiable sight she was—no longer wanted by those with whom she had gone into sin. God told Hosea to go out and get her and when he found her she was being offered for sale by a slave owner. Unattractive and repulsive in her sad state that sin had brought her, no one wanted to buy her. Finally Hosea gains her consent to return home, and he goes up and pays the price of the slave owner—thus redeeming her. She was unworthy, but love has a way of making these matters right.

A new prophet went forth. He had learned of the mighty love of God that never ceases until His people are brought back. He promised the people that God still loved them and that He would not give them up until they returned. "I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely."

Brief Outline

- I. Israel's unfaithfulness symbolized by the prophet's unhappy marriage. Chapters 1-3.
- II. Warnings and entreaties to Israel to turn to God. Chapters 4-14.

More Detailed Outline

Hosea possesses one of the most confused texts in the Old Testament. It is supremely great. It grows on one. As we study it, may we think of this plea for a return unto God as very applicable today. The conditions of the time read like our daily newspaper. Oh! may we heed and be wiser in our day!

Chapter I

The title of the book, "The Word of the Lord Unto Hosea." Verse 1.

He must convince Israel of her whoring or unfaithfulness to God by marrying a wife of whoredom. Verses 2-3.

The foretelling of Israel's doom—for her sins, in names of his children. (A son, Jezreel—"Scattered of God;" a daughter, La-Ruhamah—"No mercy;" and a son, Lo-Ammi—"Not my people"). Verses 4-6, 8-9.

He must speak comfortably to the kingdom of Judah, which practiced true worship, and assure them of Salvation of the Lord. Verse 7.

Columbus Association: Thanks to Brother Boyd Armstrong, Associational Missionary of Columbus Association for a good report on the activities in that association. Miss Joyce McCrary has recently been elected to the important office of Associational director and is starting off in a fine way. The officers are meeting studying the Associational Manual, Brother Armstrong is teaching it. Recently a new union was organized at Plymouth church. J. C. Hardin is the director; Mrs. Arnett Beard the secretary; Mrs. G. E. Hughes, Story Hour Leader; E. E. Fulton, Junior Leader; Wells Land, Intermediate Leader. A new training union has also been organized at Artisia starting off well with an attendance of 57. Glad to have this report of progress.

CHRISTIAN PASTORS VISIT PRISONS

TOKYO (RNS)—New forms of evangelism are being promoted by Japanese Christian pastors, according to a local newspaper.

"Christian pastors are now visiting prisons," the paper stated, pointing out that this activity was formerly a monopoly of Buddhist priests. Pastors often deliver addresses to groups of policemen, the report added, and are stressing evangelism for schools, hospitals, rural villages, etc.

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The Foreign Mission Board will have to decline 25 volunteers who could be appointed in 1947. Unless the income is increased, Dr. M. T. Rankin estimates that 50 additional volunteers will have to be rejected in 1948.

Up! Up! Defend Your Homes! The Enemy Is Coming!

Long ago Plato made the profound utterance, "The penalty that good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled over by evil men." Alas, alas, such a condition has become a reality in many counties of this state because of our indifference.

The time has arrived when a decision must be made as to whether the state of Mississippi is to be governed by regularly constituted authority, according to Christian principles, or by and for the benefit of gangsters and hoodlums. If the decent people of the state are to have a satisfactory government, we must take an aggressive part in the making of that government.

One effective means for remedying present conditions is through the proper exercise of the right of franchise. Every candidate for public office should be examined carefully regarding certain fundamental principles:

1. Is he a professed Christian?
2. Does his personal life give evidence of the reality of his Christian experience?
3. What is his personal attitude toward the use of alcoholic beverages?
4. Does he favor the Black Market tax?
5. Does he favor legalized liquor?
6. For one offering himself for a law-enforcement position, will he recognize the fact that it is not for him to say what the law shall be or which laws shall be enforced, and will he, without reservation enforce all the laws with equal vigor and determination?

It is our plea to the Baptists of Mississippi that we all join hands in an effort to fill our public offices, both high and low, with men who measure up to Christian standards.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
Meridian, Mississippi

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(1) Juniors, (2) all others:
July 20, (1) Mark 5:1-10, (2) Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20.
July 21, (1) Mark 5:11-20, (2) John 1:35-42.
July 22, (1) Mark 5:21-29, (2) Luke 9:49-56.
July 23, (1) Mark 5:35-43, (2) Matt. 17:1-18; 26:36-39.
July 24, (1) Mark 6:1-6, (2) John 19:19-27.
July 25, (1) Mark 6:7-13, (2) 1st John 3:13-18.
July 26, Sunday School Lesson.

Mississippi Association—Mrs. A. G. Felder, Associational Director for Mississippi Association reports a grand meeting at Liberty Church June 17th. The attendance was 500. Special music marked the program with a young people's choir leading. The Junior Memory work drill was appreciated and a helpful message on "The Bible the Textbook of the School of Life" was given. The program was climaxed with a religious film, "The Man Who Forgot God." Mt. Vernon

Church was awarded the Efficiency Banner and Mt. Olive the Attendance Banner. Glad to have this good report and extend congratulations to both leaders and general membership of the churches.

Covington Association—Mrs. C. C. Rogers reporting on Covington activities says that during the months of March and April their enlargement campaign emphasis reached for definite study course work nine of the eighteen churches. That does not mean that only half of the churches in the association will have a study course during the year, but in this special spring emphasis, half co-operated. Congratulations certainly are in order here.

Reaching toward the goal: Our goal for awards in the B. Y. P. U. department of our Training Union for this year is 4,000. The first five months we issued 1,761. This is an average of 352 per month which if maintained will put us over the goal. Help us do it!



Miss Lennie Powell

Miss Lennie Powell has assumed the position of full time church secretary at the Clinton Baptist Church. She is a native of Mobile, Ala., and is a recent graduate of Blue Mountain College. Pastor Nolan Kennedy and the membership at Clinton are giving Miss Powell a cordial welcome as she begins her new tasks. She assumed her position June 1.

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Weekday Education Program Grows in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—A total of 60,118 Virginia school children were enrolled in the weekday religious education program during the past school year, an increase of about 10,000 over two years ago, according to a report from the Virginia Council of Churches.

The program began in Virginia in 1930, with 1,411 pupils. It now is in operation in 47 of the state's 124 governmental units (counties and cities). There are 90 teachers, and the 1946 program cost \$132,450. The council reported that for every 100 pupils who are given the opportunity to study the Bible in the Virginia system of weekday religious training, 97 participate.

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Calvary Tupelo Intermediates: June 23, Monday, the Calvary Tupelo Intermediate Union, on invitation went to the Shannon church for a picnic supper and later to help organize an Intermediate Union in that church. It was a grand occasion, and in addition to getting the Intermediate Union organized, a Junior Union was also organized. Their comment was "We appreciated the opportunity of doing this service." Congratulations, that's fine training.

MONTICELLO HOLDS MEET

The revival at the Monticello Baptist Church was successful from every standpoint. Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor, was assisted by Rev. James T. Horton, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbus, who served as the guest preacher and by Rev. Wayne Coleman of Louisville, president of the State Baptist Student Union and a senior at Mississippi College, who served as director of the music and work for the young people. Mr. Coleman also preached for the opening services on June 22, acceptably filling the pulpit for both services. Miss Annette Horne assisted with the work for the young people. Mrs. R. C. Gillaspay and Mrs. A. C. Brinson served as organists.

There were 14 additions to the church, nine on profession of faith and five by letter.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—RNS—Formation of the Kress Memorial Foundation, to promote research in the field of narcotics, was announced here at a mass-meeting of the American Temperance Society and the Anti-cigarette Alliance. The meeting was held in connection with the annual encampment of Seventh-Day Adventists in Takoma Park. The Foundation is a tribute to Daniel H. Kress, physician and first president of the Anti-cigarette Alliance.

done so, follow the example of New Hope by adopting the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Baptist Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows: Bethel 49, Bethany 76, Big Creek 2, Bruce 151, Calhoun City First 155, College Hill 2, Derna 55, Gaston Springs 2, Macedonia 16, Meridian 13, Midway 1, Mt. Moriah 12, Oak Grove 9, Oldtown 41, Pittsboro 30, Pleasant Ridge 19, Pleasant Grove 8, Rocky Mountain 1, Calvary 27, New Liberty 30, New Hope 16, Ellard 31, Duncan Hill 29, Sarepta 4, Shiloh 41, Spring Hill 1, Vardaman 94, Banner 21, Spring Creek 1, Calhoun City Second 63, Poplar Springs 2, Parker 1, Antioch 14, Providence 1, Pilgrim's Rest 13, Mt. Tabor 19, Saboula 34.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

Musicians Need Training

If there is any part of our church services that calls for trained workers it is the Music Department of the church. We have been satisfied with mediocre music and untrained musicians. With our present type of Public School Music education it is easy to see that the music in the church is far behind the music of the school. This should not be the case. If we have a Training Program in our churches and take advantage of the music learned in the schools we can have better music in the church than we have in the schools.

Calhoun City Has Great Music Program

There is no church in the state that has a greater music program than Calhoun City. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Edward Pryor we saw a Primary Ensemble, a Junior Quartet, a Young People's Chorus, an Instrumental Ensemble, a Women's Trio, a Women's Octet, and a Male Chorus. Each night during the revival the organ and piano were used in beautiful preludes and offertories. They are organizing a Junior Choir and an Intermediate Choir under the direction of Mrs. D. E. Clark, the District Music Director for District Three.

Every day and all through the day there were people coming to the church for rehearsals. They work on their music and it is showing up in a great way. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Walker, says that he is satisfied that when he comes into the pulpit on any Sunday that the music will be adequate and well prepared and presented in a way that would be a credit to any church.

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Rev. B. H. Benton, state evangelist, held the revival at New Hope church, Neshoba county, June 29—July 10. The results were far beyond expectation; it was one of the best revivals ever held at this church. The crowds filled the house and the public address system was used. The Lord blessed in a great way by adding 33 to the church, 29 of whom came on profession of faith—Twenty of these were adults. Any rural church would do well to use him. W. B. Boatner, pastor.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

GLADE, JONES COUNTY, IS NUMBER 869

Glade Church, Jones County, is just twelve weeks old and is number 869 on the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY list. Pastor H. Fred Williams, who is a student at Clarke Memorial College recently sent in a list of 32 names.

The church has put the Record in the budget and monthly bills will be sent to Mrs. J. L. Griffin, Rt. 4, Laurel.

We are glad to welcome this new church to our growing EVERY FAMILY list and predict that the church will profit from receiving the Baptist Record every week.

Record readers in Jones County are now listed as follows: Beulah 80, Laurel, Beacon 117, Bethel 14, Centerville 36, County Line 50, Ellisville 128, Estabutchie 3, Glade 32, Harmony 45, Fairfield 63, Laurel First 544, Laurel Second Avenue 276, Lowrey Creek 23, Moselle 77, Mt. Oral 43, Overt 32, Pine Grove 53, Sand Hill 25, Sharon 44, Calvary 15, Friendship 1, Shelton 39, Summerland 40, Tucker Crossing 31, West Laurel 167, Pleasant Home 1, South Laurel 42, Bethlehem 62, Sandersville 45, New Hope 25, Indian Springs 28, Fellowship 18, Hebron 41.

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NEW HOPE, CALHOUN, ADOPTS EFP

New Hope Church, Calhoun County, is a newly organized church north of Vardaman. Associational Missionary R. B. Patterson is serving as pastor. Mrs. Larkin Landreth, church treasurer, recently sent a list of 16 names of heads of families to receive the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

We welcome this new church to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY Churches. Let other churches, whether new or old, if they have not already

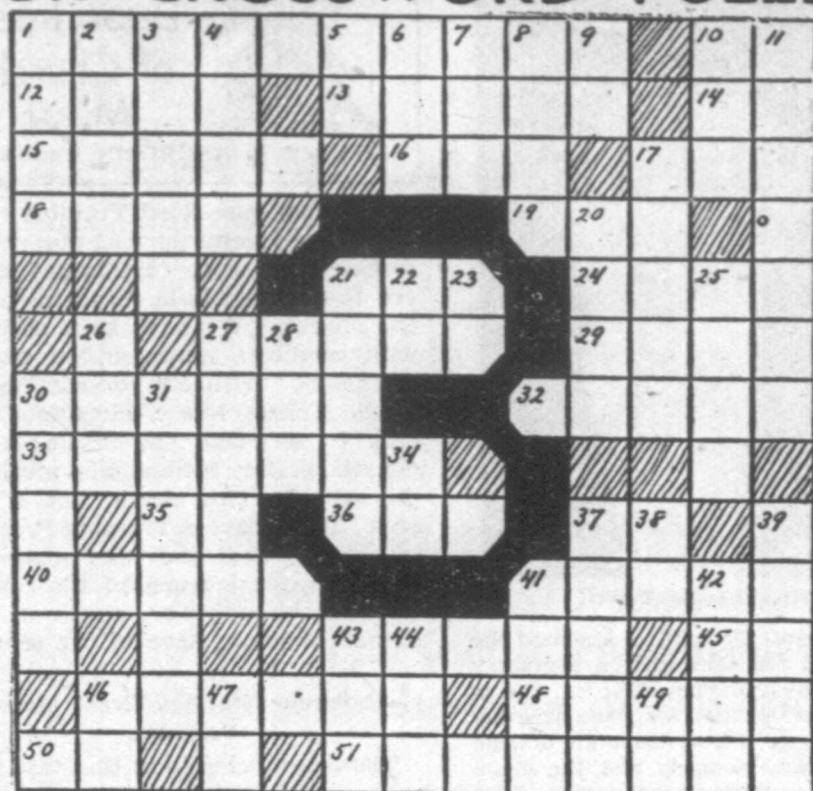
Christian Education NEEDS Concrete Support

The force of Christian Education needs the concrete and tangible support of financial backing. Soaring prices of materials and labor have caused an increase in the anticipated cost of the Mississippi College expansion program. Give generously today for the completion of the buildings already begun. Mississippi College is striving to march ahead in the spiritual growth and Christian education of Mississippi boys and girls.

Mail your contribution now. Do not wait until tomorrow.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."—Matt. 4:1.

Horizontal

- 1 "led by the Spirit into the . . ." Luke 4:1.
- 10 "neither in this mountain, nor yet . . . Jerusalem." John 4:21.
- 12 Dolphin.
- 13 "Get thee behind me, . . ." Luke 4:8.
- 14 "for that is delivered unto . . ." Luke 4:6.
- 15 Lock of hair.
- 16 City of Benjamin east of Bethel. Gen. 12:8.
- 17 Two books of the Old Testament.
- 18 "taking him up into an . . . mountain." Luke 4:5.
- 19 To let the bait fall lightly on the water.
- 21 "Then was Jesus . . . up." Matt. 4:1.
- 24 "If thou be the Son of God, . . . thyself down." Matt. 4:6.
- 27 "He . . . give his angels charge over thee." Luke 4:10.
- 29 . . . Homo.
- 30 "when he had . . . forty days and forty nights." Matt. 4:2.
- 32 "man shall not live by . . . alone." Luke 4:4.
- 33 Province in Canada.
- 35 "set him . . . a pinnacle." Luke 4:9.
- 36 National Recovery Administration.
- 37 Crown of India.
- 40 Looks after.
- 41 Takes off.
- 43 Destruction.
- 45 City of the Ammonites, near Heshbon. Jer. 49:3.
- 46 A Shilonite, dwelling in Jerusalem. I Chron. 9:5.
- 48 "all the kingdoms of the . . ." Luke 4:5.
- 50 "there . . . none good but one." Mark 10:18.
- 51 "setteth him on a . . . of the temple." Matt. 4:5.

Vertical

- 1 "and was . . . the wild beasts." Mark 1:13.
- 2 Inscription; Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.
- 3 Sovereign.
- 4 "thou . . . thy foot against a stone." Luke 4:11.
- 5 Recording Secretary.
- 6 Nahum.
- 7 Greek letter.
- 8 "And Jesus answered and . . . unto him." Luke 4:8.
- 9 Tin.
- 10 Wine vessel of the early Christian church.
- 11 "to be . . . of the devil." Matt. 4:1.
- 17 "about the . . . of one hour." Luke 22:59.
- 20 Generic name of the maple.
- 21 Dialect of southeastern Switzerland.
- 22 Hebrew deity.
- 23 Deputy Lieutenant.
- 25 Disfigure.
- 26 "Whence hath this . . . this wisdom." Matt. 13:54.

- 27 "house divided against itself shall not . . ." Matt. 12:25.
- 28 "Jesus saith unto . . . Woman, believe me." John 4:21.
- 30 "Being . . . days tempted of the devil." Luke 4:2.
- 31 "command that these . . . be made bread." Matt. 4:3.
- 34 Conjunction.
- 37 Beverage.
- 38 ". . . thou be the Son of God." Matt. 4:3.
- 39 "And he took him . . . from the multitude." Mark 7:33.
- 41 "cast thyself . . . from hence." Luke 4:9.
- 42 "If thou wilt . . . down and worship me." 4:9.
- 43 "her . . . was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz." Ruth 2:3.
- 44 An Israelite of the tribe of Asher. I Chron. 7:34.
- 46 "looking upon Jesus . . . he walked." John 1:36.
- 47 "the latchet of whose shoes I . . . not worthy to unloose." Luke 3:16.
- 49 Reformed Church.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS
GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

To men, to nations, and to denominations comes a climactic hour. For Mississippi Baptists and Mississippi College that hour has struck. The goal in the Enlargement Program is near. There is only one more hill to climb; one more all together pull. And remember that the money that you give will not be put into banks to be used at some future date but it will go into brick and mortar, concrete and steel and stone for the use of the potential leaders of our denomination and future builders of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Nor will it be used with the hope that students will come and avail themselves of the opportunity afforded. They are already here in overflowing numbers, challenging us to grasp the opportunity and do our duty. They cannot wait for a more favorable time. Many of them are ex-service men and women and have already delayed their education performance four or five years. Will Mississippi Baptists meet their greatest opportunity? They cannot do it by putting it off until tomorrow. It must be done today. God grant that every one of us, great and small, rich and poor, will do our duty.

By: D. M. NELSON,
President, Mississippi College.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



Mr. Sam A. Thompson

Mr. Sam A. Thompson, Morgan City, is the associational Sunday school superintendent for Leflore Association, and as such has done the very unusual thing of bringing it up to standard recognition.

As further evidence that this is most unusual, consider the fact that this is only the sixth association in the entire South that is standard for this year. There are more than 900 associations in the South.

Our very sincere congratulations, Mr. Thompson, to you on this great work that you have led your association to achieve!

The Best Ever

We continue to get reports of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever held. That is as it should be, for we should improve from year to year in any work. Additional experience will make that easier.

We are greatly encouraged over the number of statements of best schools this year. Our people are more and more realizing the full value of these Vacation Bible Schools to our boys and girls.

There is time yet to have many of them. If your church has not yet had one this year, by all means plan for one and get to work now to get ready.

June Standards

These units became standard dur-

ing June: Hollandale school, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor, E. A. Currey, superintendent; T. E. L. Adult class, Terry, Mrs. Reece Lewis, teacher; Cradle Roll department, Ellisville, Mrs. F. L. Freeman, superintendent.

We are grateful to these leaders for this good work. Many others should do likewise. June closed another quarter; so now is the time to make application for that quarter. Need blanks? We have them. Write us for them.

More VBS Reports

These churches have reported Vacation Bible Schools since our last listing:

Spring Hill, Prentiss, Arkadelphia, Morgan City, Phillipston, West Laurel, Bay St. Louis, Natchez First, Picayune First, Pascagoula East Side, Campbell Hill, Parkway Jackson, Calvary Tupelo, Knoxville, Goss, Cedar Grove, Willow Grove, Union Sr., Quitman, Unity, Shaw.

Tylertown, Hattiesburg 38th Ave., Eastabutchie, Midway, Gooden Lake, Isola, Russell, East Greenville, Belden, Canton First, West Corinth, Gulfport First, Riverside, White Sand, Barton, Fellowship, South Laurel, Corinth in Pearl River, New Hope, Bunker Hill.

Baldwin, Itta Bena, Yazoo City First, Pleasant Valley in Simpson, Calhoun City Second, McNeill, Union in Pearl River, East Louisville, Red Creek Union, Unity in Jackson, Mt. Olive, Northside Louisville, Progress, River Avenue Hattiesburg, Meridian 41st Avenue, Weir, Shuqualak, Stonewall, Kosciusko First.

Sunflower, Chandler's Chapel, Hattiesburg Glendale, Arkabutla, Holmesville, Kreole First, Senatobia, Jackson Northside, Pelahatchie, Causeyville, Concord and Ellard, Pontotoc West Heights, Shannon, Houlika, Sunny Side, Merigold.

Ozona, Zion Hill, Moss Point First, Brooklyn, Pascagoula First, Ripley, Waynesboro, Coldwater, Bethsaida in Neshoba.

The time to send in the report is immediately after the school closes. So, if you have not sent in yours, be sure and do it at once. If you need blanks, we shall be happy to send them. Just write us for them.

Piave In Mission Program

On June 8, Rev. Orman Knight, pastor of the Sand Hill church, led in an effective mission program at the Piave Baptist church. The Great Commission was the theme around which all the program centered. Mrs. Orman Knight presented a good chalk talk, in which a duet, "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning," sung by Miss Glen Turner and Mrs. Knight, was the climax. Rev. Saucier of West Salem church led the singing for the meeting.

The Mission emphasis is gaining in interest and many of the leaders are predicting greater results in the world wide program of the Kingdom in the days ahead.

lives they spend in our midst be an example and inspiration to us to go forward in the Lord's work.

Respectfully,
MRS. DEWITT NELSON

In Memory

With sad hearts in this hour of memory, we pause to pay tribute to our friends and loved ones whom God has called home to glory to be with him. I. E. Nelson, Mrs. Zetta Ballard, Mrs. Martha McGrew, and Miss Nell Joe Lambert was called from us (the New Hope Baptist Church) within ten days time. Surely we do miss them from our church and community, but we must be submissive to his will. May our hearts be lifted to the heights of the mountains of our Lord. Unafraid they were ushered into the king of kings.

They went not with empty hands, but bearing many sheaves of achievement to place at his feet. No doubt they heard the admonition "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter now into the joys of rest." We know their smiles graced their places among the Heavens throne, and we who wait a little longer here will come to understand after awhile that their going has brought heaven very near. May the

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for July 20:

HUMAN SUFFERING. Job 1:8; 2:7-10; 42:1-5; James 5:11.

The patience of Job! He just endured! "He, when the face of God grew dim, held through the dark and trusted Him." Catalogue all the things Job suffered. Loss of children, of property, of friends, of the loyalty of his wife, of health, of a sense of the worth of his personality, of the sense of his relation to God, of the sense of the government of God over good and evil.

I. What Job Had Been. A happy man, with goods, dear ones and health, a very good man. According to the light of his times, he deserved all the good he enjoyed.

II. What He Became. A man stripped bare of all the earthly hopes men set their hearts upon. There came to him calamity crowding upon bereavement and pouncing upon him with all these the friends who, believing God had forsaken Job and given him over to the tortures, took stand against him in the thought that they thus were siding with God, and then the stroke of itching leprosy to bedevil his body and drive him out from home and friends to the ash heap of the unclean, and then the wife of his bosom turned against him. Well might he say, "Naked came I . . . naked go."

III. The Logic of Job's Friends. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," and they are therefore always ordered pleasantly. The lines of a good man fall in pleasant places, they always do. If you do not certainly know whether a particular man is good, you may very distinctly know. Just look at him! Is he getting rich? becoming famous for his kindness? fathering a large family of goodly children? are all things prospering under his hand? Of course he is a good man. You have the evidence.

But suppose his fortune changes and he meets unmerciful disaster that follows him fast and follows faster. The answer is easy: The man has sinned. If you cannot apprehend him in his sin, that proves nothing. He is guilty of sin, or he would not suffer grim disaster.

We are like Job's friends. You have said and taught and I have preached that the Lord will prosper the good man. Well, that's what Job's friends said. You have seen a good man prospering and you have said, "The Lord is honoring that man." You have seen a wicked man whelmed under a flood of distress and have said, "The Lord is punishing him." You have seen a backslider caught in a tempest of trouble and you have said, "The Lord is chastising a wayward child." Oh! yes, you have, and so have I. That's what Job's friends did. You are a Job's comforter yourself, and so am I. Let us hush a few hushes.

IV. Job's Need. Sympathy. He had it, but he did not know it. Those who might have given it did not, so Job was lonely. His friends all echoed the sentiment of the devil. "Pay a man and he'll be religious. Stop his pay, and he'll quit being pious." "Does Job serve God for

Baptist Seminary Moves To Midwest

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—(RNS)—The North American Baptist seminary, a German Baptist institution, located for the past 75 years at Rochester, N. Y., will be moved to this city. An announcement to that effect pointed out that most of the seminary's constituents have moved to the midwest. A block of land has been acquired and at least three buildings will be erected thereon. Temporary structures will be ready for use by next September.

The seminary has sold its property in Rochester, turning it into cash to be used for improvements here and for endowments. Its president, Dr. George A. Lang, attended Sioux Falls college 28 years ago. It was estimated that the seminary will start here with about 50 students.

nothing! You've built a fence around him so I can't get at him. You've broadened his acres, filled his pastures with cattle, his cribs with corn, his barn lofts with hay, stacked fodder around every stack-pole on the place, filled his house with happy children, his arms with the throbbing body of a beautiful wife, and stuffed his pockets with greenback. But just you let me at him once, and he'll shake his fist at you and stamp the ground and kuss."

V. Job's Reaction. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." But his wife came and sneered at him and advised him to curse God and die. Job looked at her and said, "You talk like a fool." When you have finished talking about the heroism of this man or that, as demonstrated here or there, commend me to the man who can look his wife in the eye and tell her what Job told his!

The burden of Job's grief bore him down into the valley of vision from the dark depths of which he saw what it had been given no other man to see before Job's day. "I know that my Redeemer lives and that one day He shall stand upon the earth." The very depth of his suffering begot in Job the conviction that there must be, was bound to be, had to be, a path of egress from it somewhere, and that this path of egress was a Living Way, Job's Redeemer.

Job asked for nothing except to understand his troubles, but in lieu of everything of which he had been deprived, he held to a position which gave the lie everlasting to the devil's claim that there is no such thing as love of God for God's own sake, no loyalty to God for God's own glory, no service of God for the advancement of God's own kingdom.

VI. God's Response to Job. It came at the last. It may come in part before, in the case of some men, but in the main and always it comes at the last. The last word is God's, and He always speaks it. That word is worth the hearing, nay, all that the hearing may cost, of sweat or song, of blood or bliss, of triumph or of tears.

We need to learn this, you and I: that God redeems, reclaims, recompenses, recommends, each and every of His servants when the day's long march is ended, and the breeze of His evening cools the throbbing temples of His faithful ones.

Job ended by being greater than he had ever been before. That's the way it always is when we see truly the end greater than beginning or middle, or high or low.



A TRIBUTE TO REV. WILLIAM ALEX GILL

The message that the end had come was not a surprise. For months we knew he had been fighting a losing battle. It was apparent, when I saw him last that the earthly house of clay, manned by an heroic will must soon surrender to the last enemy. The siege was longer than we had expected. How heroically he struggled in the contest of life, with the outstanding hope that he might serve others:

June 14th, Brother Gill surrendered to the last enemy. Closing a successful and useful life, to begin a new life, in Heaven, with God. While his Home going was not a surprise it was to me, and a multitude of friends and relatives, a source of grief. He was my friend, and numbered among the warmest of them. I had known him for a number of years, but the tenderest ties were formed while we served together as Co-Pastors of the East McComb Baptist Church, from January 1st, 1943, until February 10th, 1946, when he retired from the active ministry, and became Pastor Emeritus of the church that he had served for almost thirty years. During his forty-three years of active ministry he proved to be a Man of God, who had compassion and love for others, a most faithful preacher of the WORD, a teacher of the Bible, an executive, a friend and father to the young preacher, a faithful Pastor, who loved his church, and a man with strong faith in God.

Brother Gill was a most faithful and devoted husband and father. He and Mrs. Gill, the former Miss Helen Virginia Cottrell, of Amite, La., have walked, lived and served together since January 3, 1906. To them God gave one daughter, Mrs. Syble Gill Wilson, three sons, Otto, Alex and Fred.

Rev. Gill was born February 23, 1876, at Spring Creek, La., and received his schooling in that town, schools of Osyka and Mississippi College. Ordained into the Baptist ministry by the Spring Creek Baptist Church in July, 1902, his subsequent pastorates included churches at Keadron, Greensburg, Hillsdale, Independence and Clinton, La., and Westson, before he came to East McComb Church and served for more than three years. Following this period, he was pastor of churches in Alabama and Texas before coming to East McComb Baptist Church on September 1, 1919, and serving for more than twenty-six and one-half years, then being called for list as Pastor Emeritus.

But now the reaper has thrust in his sickle and gathered the golden grain. It is fitting that the ripened sheaf should be gathered into the heavenly garner. We shall miss him sadly, yet the influence of such a life is not lost to us.

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Though sorrows and darkness encompass the tomb,
The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,
And the lamp of his love is thy guide through the gloom.
"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will

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Answer to puzzle on page 10

not deplore thee,
Since God was thy Ransom, thy Guardian,
thy Guide:
He gave thee, and He will restore thee
And death has no sting since the Saviour hath died."

I lay this chapter on his bier:
I loved him because he loved God.
I loved him because he loved God's people.
I loved him because he loved the truth.
I loved him because he loved the right.
I loved him because he loved his friends.
I loved him because he loved the church.
I loved him because he loved me.
H. P. Porter.

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Calvary Church, Jackson, Rotates Deacon Offices

A most unusual bit of news just come to us regarding the new arrangement of the Deacons of Calvary Church, Jackson.

For nine years the church has had what they have called "a two year plan," in which all major offices and positions have been occupied for two years only with the understanding that the persons so serving could not succeed themselves.

On Sunday afternoon, July 6, with the pastor away (attending the Baptist World Alliance), the Deacons met in their regular First-Sunday-monthly meeting, with the time for re-election at hand. Ellis Britt, the chairman, who has served for one year, after some weeks of prayer and consideration decided that it would be a good thing if the offices could be so arranged to include only one-year terms. The offices are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Associate Secretary.

When the meeting was called to order, Mr. Britt announced his decision and made the proposal, with the request that the plan be set in motion while he was facing the customary courtesy re-election. The motion was properly made, discussed, and carried with an entirely unanimous vote. Hence, Calvary Church now has the rotation of Deacon offices, born in an atmosphere of Christian unselfishness.

The newly-elected officers who will assume office Oct. first are: Chairman, Dixie Holland, who was serving at the time as Vice-Chairman; Irvin S. Barnes, Vice-Chairman; Grady Smith, Secretary; and Harmon Hardin, Associate Secretary. Calvary Church has 50 deacons. Truly the Spirit of "In honor preferring one another" is most obvious with the choice group of Christian Gentlemen.

—MELVIN ROBERTS, Educational Director.

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REVIVALS LISTED

Rev. D. W. Moulder has announced the following revivals will be held this summer. He invites all those who are able to attend all services possible. The meetings are as follows:

Beulah Church in Simpson county, with Rev. G. O. Parker helping, first Sunday in July; second Sunday in July, Beulah Church in Smith county, with Rev. H. A. Milner as helper; fourth Sunday in July, Lorena Church in Smith county, with Rev. L. S. Polk as helper; first Sunday in August, Pine Grove Church in Simpson county, with Rev. H. A. Milner as helper, and second Sunday in August, Sardis Church in Smith county, with Dr. W. A. Sullivan as helper.

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CATHOLICS OPEN 12TH NEGRO CHURCH IN N.O.

NEW ORLEANS (RNS)—St. Paul's chapel, the 12th Roman Catholic Church for Negroes in the city, was dedicated by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Mummel, Archbishop of New Orleans.

The chapel was purchased from a government agency, and was moved seven miles from Micheaud, La., and re-erected on the present site where it will serve 500 Negro Catholics. A school is now under construction.

TATE STREET PROGRESSES

The Tate Street Baptist Church of Corinth has recently completed the first unit of a proposed \$50,000 building program. The pastor's home, completely remodeled and brick veneered, located on a new lot, is modern in every respect. Open house was held at the new pastorium on June 15. Plans call for starting the new church building this fall if conditions permit.

The Vacation Bible School, recently held, was one of the best. The enrollment reached 162 with average attendance of 112. There were 18 workers on the faculty. Commencement was held following a church supper in the basement.

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DURANT HAS REVIVAL: RECEIVES BELLS GIFT

Rev Luther Holcomb of Lakewood Church in Dallas, Tex., was the guest preacher in the revival at First Baptist Church in Durant, while O. L. Chambers of Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg led the music. The series was marked with great crowds and resulted in 12 additions to the church and a real spiritual awakening on the part of the membership. Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Nashville, the evangelist's father, preached the last morning.

The Schulmerich Bells, given to the church by Claud Wilks, in honor of his mother, were officially used June 29. The people were greatly blessed by the beauty of the music and much appreciation was expressed for the donation.

The Vacation Bible School, which was held June 2-6, had an enrollment of 143 and an average attendance of 127. Mrs. J. H. Kellum was principal and Mrs. Virginia Kealofer was secretary. Others helping were: Miss Nell Alden, Mrs. Everett Carr, Mrs. V. C. Lesley, Mrs. C. H. Dacus, Mrs. Ruth Ray Montgomery, Miss Virginia McLelland, Mrs. Florence Reed, Miss Ethel Cooper, Miss Emma K. White, Mrs. Robt. Ray, Mrs. J. O. Ritter, Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mrs. Charlie Ray, Miss Marie Phillips, Miss Jean Pittman, Mrs. Janice Rucker, Mrs. Howard Mitchell, Mrs. Boyd Moss, Mrs. Willie Brantley, Mrs. H. L. Herrington, Mrs. E. E. White, Mrs. Gordon Allen, Mrs. Max Ferguson and Henry Nell.

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BEAUMONT ENJOYS MEET

The Beaumont Baptist Church recently held a good series of meetings under the preaching of Rev. Bob Barker of Chickasaw, Ala., with Pastor Paul Ball in charge of the 20 additions, some of these being parents. There have been additions each Sunday since the revival ended. Attendance was the best in years during the meeting.

In the Vacation Bible School there were 134 enrolled with 111 average attendance. Sixteen members aided in the school, with Pastor Ball as principal.

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Dr. William Potter, former Carthage pastor, and now located at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, has written a tract "Troubled." The title is self-explanatory. Small quantities, without charge, are offered to readers of the Baptist Record willing to use them for the obvious purpose intended. Requests may be made by post card to The Pilgrim Pulpit, Box 191, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

JOHN A. DAVIS

There was no victory for Death when John passed away! There was no sting! The grave was not the winner—for John A. Davis has won again—he crossed the goal line with his head up and his hands out in front—just as I had seen him before on the athletic field, in the dressing room, in the classroom, I knew him well; I knew his thinking, observed him closely, listened to his words. John was a sterling example of a Christian youth. He was true to his God and his Christ. He was true to his family; so close to his father, mother, brothers, and sisters, his loyalty to his teammates and classmates could never be challenged.

For four years I worked with him. I remember well the touch of his hand when our team was not faring so well. I can still hear him say, "Coach, let me go in, they are tired. I can give them a push—I know I can." When we were ahead he would condescendingly wait his turn to be substituted—his team came first!

How often have I seen him spend extra time trying to perfect his kicking, his speed, his passing. John wanted to be top-notch. He wanted to be a first-stringer. Every day that passed, he worked to build his body; he wanted it to be strong. He wanted to be able to take it. He wanted to emulate feats of his brother, Montie, who was one of the finest athletes that I ever coached. John was willing to pay the price that perfect performance required.

I never heard John use profane language—no matter what misfortune overtook him, or what opportunity would be lost, he never complained. In the dressing rooms and on the athletic field, his language remained clean. He never broke training while in season or out of season.

John was complimentary of his teammates and classmates. He always thanked them for whatever help they gave him. John loved boys—he wanted to be close to them. He listened to their gripes, their jokes, their troubles. I often found him consoling those who were not doing so well. He offered genuine help to those who were disappointed and dejected. The boys liked John. They knew he was clean, both physically and spiritually. I admired especially, his attitude toward younger boys. He was always helping them to make themselves better. He taught them ways and means of making their bodies stronger. I saw him patiently teaching boys to use the bow and arrow an art at which he was adept.

John always told the truth. There are moments when a boy gets in trouble. John never gave an alibi. His reasoning was always clear. He was just in criticisms. He was humble in recognition of his shortcomings and accomplishments.

I shall never forget John Davis. I shall never forget the tributes paid him by his many friends throughout his three years of suffering. I shall never forget the large attendance and the many floral offerings that came as a final tribute to a great boy. History won't record his name, but we who knew him and loved him will wear his spirit in our hearts. We will tell the youth of our nation that there is a Christian way to live in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the dressing rooms, in the home and in public life, because John A. Davis, a regular boy who loved, who fought, who played and who lived that kind of life. Thank God for John A. Davis!

EDWARD KHAYAT,
John's Coach.

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The "Association for A United Church in America" under the leadership of Dr. J. Henry Carpenter will sponsor a series of thirty mass meetings in American cities this fall to "secure signatures of individuals who will pledge themselves to work for a union of the American churches. It seeks to mobilize general Christian sentiment from the rank and file of church members." The meetings will feature Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

Chinese Letter Tells Of Work And Progress

(Editor's Note: We are sharing with our readers an interesting letter from China in which some reports are made by Missionary M. J. Anderson at Canton.)

It hardly seems possible that we have been here over four months. By this time we have completed three months' language study. We can write a few characters and speak in our own way several hundred words. The important thing is to be able to speak and read. It will take a long time to become at all efficient.

Maurice John is no longer a baby. He is 18 months old and has developed so much since we arrived. Romping on our Compound with John Hill and the Belote children certainly agrees with him. For diversion he can look at several hundred kindergarten children next door or entertain several hundred Middle School girls who come to look at the little white boy across the fence. It is a special treat for him to be taken on the street in his buggy or in the compound jeep when he and we always attract a crowd. In a year he will be old enough to attend kindergarten. Miss Green, who lives above us, is in charge. He is already speaking some Chinese.

Our inability to speak Chinese does not render us helpless. We can speak to a few people and groups in English. A few Chinese are capable of interpreting for us. I have preached in two revival meetings. In another church I preached sermons on Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They will be published in the Associational paper. Easter morning I preached in our Tung Shan Church to more than 1000 people. I preached in our only church across the river where half of Canton's people live. I have gone with our Seminary students to their service conducted in the basement of one of the churches. About 100 people attend these services every week. Many hear the Gospel for the first time. I spoke in the Chapel of the Hing Wah Middle School, a church-operated institution with over 1000 students. Our schools could all have many more students if they had the room. Their principal, who years ago was educated in Richmond University, was my interpreter. They would like to have a missionary assigned to their school to help promote Christian activities. It is a great opportunity for someone. They did not even have a musical instrument to help as they sang in English "Abide With Me." How badly they need equipment to give these gifted young people adequate training.

Every Sunday Kitty and I teach in the English Sunday School of the Tung Shan Church. They like to use the English which they study in school. Kitty teaches the Missionaries' children. I am teaching a recently organized class for boys in their late teens. Last Sunday seven came. Miss Auris Pender, who works with Poi Jing, the boys' school, is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Canton still has many of the scars of war. Many buildings are still in ruins. The streets are bad. Many of the people live from hand to mouth. The rice lines every day are long. Inflation is becoming worse and worse. One American dollar is now legally worth \$12,000.00 Chinese and on the black market \$25,000.00. We are paid in Chinese currency and do not know how valuable our money will be from month to month. Naturally the Chinese find it hard to make ends meet on what seem to be fabulous salaries. With the native Christians we are carrying on with the hope of better days ahead. People need good will and the Gospel of Christ and His Reign in their hearts.